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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated July 25, 2005 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 071905), for which a response is due on October 25, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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